



古  
矢  
渚



gakki to twice

FURUYA  
MAGISA  
presents

namida  
tabi

2022.12.10





古 矢 渚



jelly bean  
MUSIC

FURUYA  
NAGISA  
PRESENTS

number  
call

1245678





call.

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FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents  
number  
call

12345679





Even after growing up, nothing's changed.



Honestly, it's a pain in the butt.







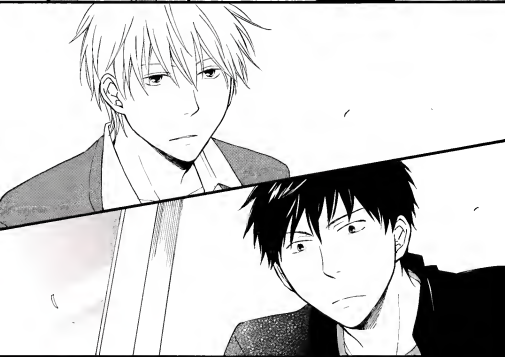
T/N: His name reads "Eito", which sounds like "eight"















HUH?

WHY'S HE  
STILL  
THERE?



SORRY  
YOU HAD  
TO WAIT...



JAPANESE  
HISTORY. 88  
POINTS.

TACHIBANA  
EITO.





THANKS  
FOR THAT.



EIGHTO GET-  
TING 88  
POINTS IS  
LIKE A JOKE.

HABA.

WHY'S HE  
READING IT  
OUT LOUD?



OH...

IF I DIDN'T  
PICK IT UP, THE  
WIND WOULD'VE  
BLOWN IT  
SOMEWHERE  
ELSE.

WHAT? DON'T  
TELL ME HE  
STAYED HERE  
JUST TO SAY  
THAT?

IS HE  
MAKING  
FUN OF  
ME?

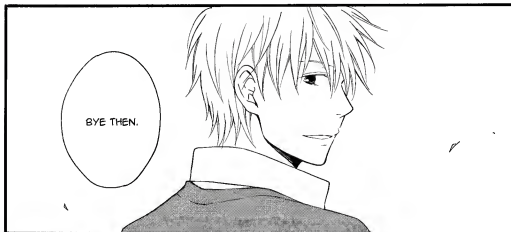


HUH?



ALSO, IT  
BROUGHT US  
CLOSER TO-  
GETHER.







WHAT A  
WEIRDO.



EIGHTO.

I'M GOING TO  
GO GIVE THIS  
BACK. YOU  
HEAD DOWN  
FIRST.

OKAY.

OH.



I  
FORGOT  
TO GIVE  
THIS  
MANGA  
BACK.







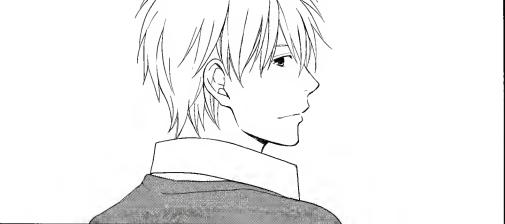




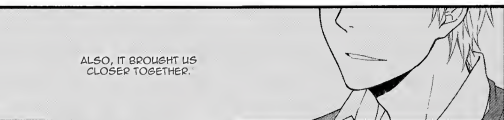
(T/N: 'hachi' also means 8. There are 3 main ways to say 8 in Japanese. 'hachi', 'ya' and the English 'eito'.)



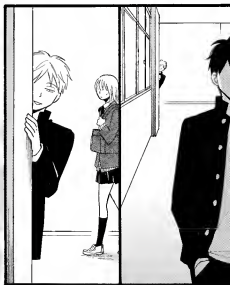
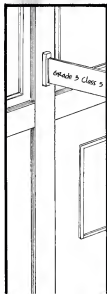




Hachiiiiii?



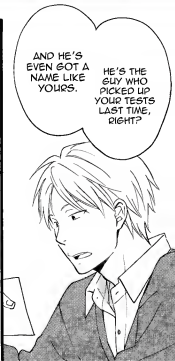
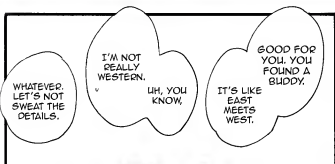
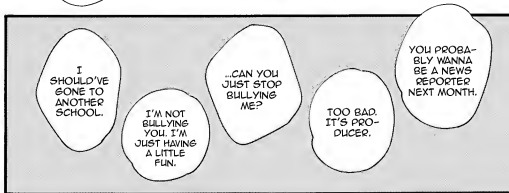
















YOU SHOULD REALLY STOP PUTTING ALL THAT EFFORT INTO USELESS STUFF LIKE THIS

AND PUT MORE INTO YOUR STUDIES.



WAIT, DID YOU JUST ASK HIM ALL THIS DIRECTLY?!

OH, I SEE...NOT! FIRST, I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE EVEN INVESTIGATING--

I'VE GOT A FRIEND IN THE SCIENCE/MATH PROGRAM, SO SOMETIMES WHEN I GO TO SEE HIM, THAT GUY'S THERE.

LIKE I WOULD DO THAT. I ASKED MY FRIEND IN THE SCIENCE PROGRAM.



holds out

WELL,

ANYWAY, I DON'T NEED THIS, SO HERE YOU GO.

HUH?



clatter

GOING TO THE BATHROOM.

NO, I MEAN, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH IT?



ANYWAY,  
EIGHT-MAN

IT'S  
NOTHING.

HIS NAME  
JUST  
CAUGHT MY  
EYE IS ALL.

SHOULD  
BE YOU,  
RIGHT?

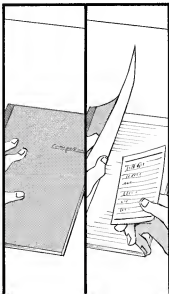
Hatta Tomoya.

Science Program. 3rd

Class A. Born October 8th.

BUT,

WE'RE IN  
DIFFERENT  
PROGRAMS,  
SO I'VE GOT  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH HIM.





I've got nothing to do  
with him, but



Probably up until now,







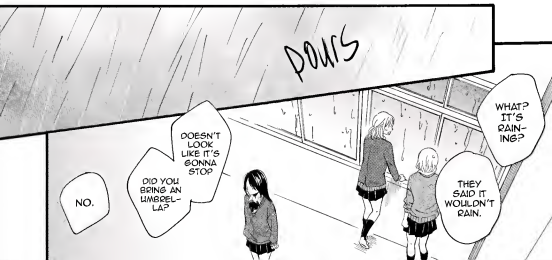
PASSING  
EACH  
OTHER BY  
LIKE THIS.

WE'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN



...WELL,

SO I  
WOULDN'T  
KNOW WHAT  
TO SAY.



POURS

NO.

DID YOU  
BRING AN  
UMBREL-  
LA?

DOESN'T  
LOOK LIKE IT'S  
GONNA  
STOP

WHAT?  
IT'S  
RAIN-  
ING?

THEY  
SAID IT  
WOULDN'T  
RAIN.









UNTIL THE  
STATION?

CAN I STAY  
UNDER



...S-

....



YOU'VE GOT  
THE BEST  
TIMING IN THE  
WORLD. AS EX-  
PECTED OF MR.  
EIGHT-MAN.

BEFORE THIS,  
I THOUGHT  
IT'D BE A  
GOOD DAY.

I ONLY  
USE IT  
ONCE IN  
A WHILE.

NO, THIS  
WAS  
JUST  
LAYING  
THERE.

THANK  
GOODNESS.  
I HAD TO  
GET BACK  
EARLY  
TODAY.

AHAHA.

SURE, BUT  
YOU SUR-  
PRISED ME.

GOOD  
JOB  
BRINGING  
AN UM-  
BRELLA.

DID THEY  
SAY IT WAS  
GONNA  
RAIN?

HACHI...









WELL,  
THAT'S  
JUST WHAT  
I THINK.

OH.

I'M A BIT  
HAPPY ABOUT  
THIS.

THAT'S  
WHY



WE EVEN  
HAVE SIMILAR  
NAMES.

....

NAH.



AND YOU'VE  
EVEN GOT  
THE WORD  
'EIGHT' IN  
YOUR NAME.

WELL  
YEAH.  
THAT'S  
JUST  
HOW IT  
IS.

ANYWAY,

AREN'T YOU  
MORE OF AN  
EIGHT-MAN  
THAN ME?

OH.

YOU NO-  
TICED?

HUH?

























YOU WERE  
GONNA SAY  
SOMETHING?

OH.

COME TO  
THINK OF  
IT,



YOU  
KNOW.

WHEN THE  
UMBRELLA  
BROKE.



HUH?



...OH.

...

IT'S  
NOTHING.

NAH.

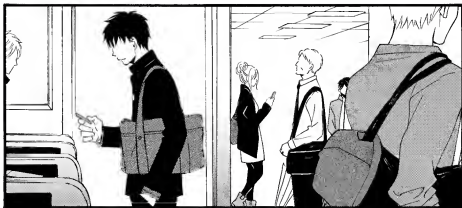


I hated it as a kid, but I  
couldn't do anything about it.

When people see my name, they've  
already decided what they'll call me.



I'd given up and I got  
used to it.








EIGHTO.

SEE YA,



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¥36.580  
25.10.1  
Tachibana Akito.

BEEP





So I asked my dad for advice that night.

And I thought maybe even this stupid name had a purpose.

When I was in middle school, that topic came up.







call.

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FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents  
number  
call

12345679



I CAN'T  
COPY  
THAT.

YEAH. I'M  
ALWAYS RE-  
SISTING THE  
DESIRE TO  
CRACK UP.

PFFT.

HIS VOICE  
SOMETIMES  
CRACKS,  
RIGHT?

YEAH.

THAT'S THE  
ENGLISH  
TEACHER,  
TAJI-  
MA-SEN-  
SEI, YOU  
KNOW?



Even  
since  
then,

GOOD  
MORN-  
ING,  
EIGH-  
TO-DO-  
NO!

WHAT  
LOVELY  
WEATH-  
ER WE  
HAVE  
TODAY!

Who're  
you  
sup-  
posed  
to be?

HOW  
DULL,  
EIGH-  
TO-DO-  
NO!

How  
noisy,  
Yokoi-do-  
no.







HUH.

WE SEEM  
TO BE  
MEETING  
A LOT  
TODAY.

Whenever  
we passed  
each other  
by, we  
would  
greet each  
other.



PROBABLY.

THIS IS  
PROBABLY  
A NEW  
RECORD.

AHAHA.

THAT'S  
FOR  
SURE.

I SAW  
YOU IN  
THE  
MORNING  
AND AT  
LUNCH.



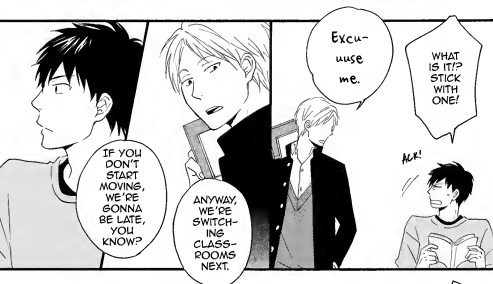
SEE  
YA.

SEE  
YA.

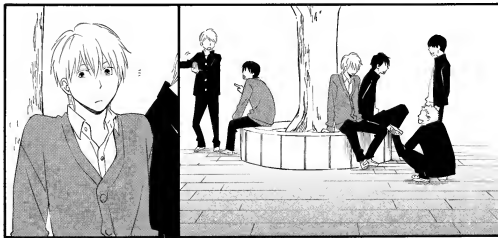
We  
would  
greet  
each  
other,

and exchange  
a word or two.





























WITH HIS ATTITUDE, HE PROBABLY MAKES FRIENDS PRETTY QUICK.

...BUT

THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

Grade 3 Class 5



IF IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS "ME"...



























LET'S GO  
HOME TO-  
GETHER.



Our at-  
tention  
span is  
basically  
gone

by this  
time  
though.



MOST  
PEOPLE  
HAVE  
LEFT.

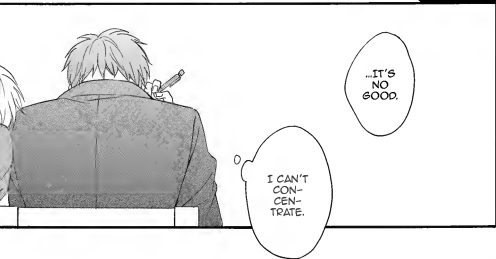
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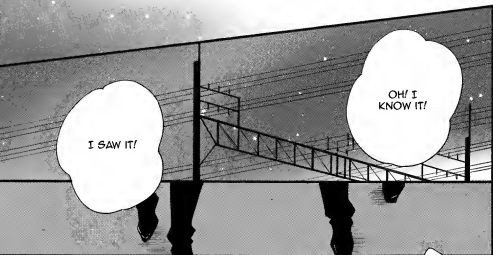








THANKS.



I SAW IT!

OH! I  
KNOW IT!

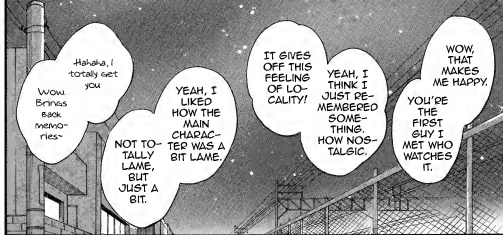


I LOVE THAT  
SHOW. I  
WATCH IT  
EVERY WEEK!

WHAT?  
REALLY  
?

FOR  
REAL!?  
EVERY TIME I  
TOLD SOME-  
ONE ABOUT  
IT, THEY SAID  
THEY DIDN'T  
KNOW.





Wow.  
Brings  
back  
memo-  
ries~

Hahaha, I  
totally get  
you

NOT TO-  
TALLY  
LAME,  
BUT  
JUST A  
BIT.

YEAH, I  
LIKED  
HOW THE  
MAIN  
CHARAC-  
TER WAS A  
BIT LAME.

IT GIVES  
OFF THIS  
FEELING  
OF LO-  
CALITY!

YEAH, I  
THINK I  
JUST RE-  
MEMBERED  
SOME-  
THING.  
HOW NOS-  
TALGIC.

WOW,  
THAT  
MAKES  
ME HAPPY.

YOU'RE  
THE  
FIRST  
GUY I  
MET WHO  
WATCHES  
IT.



I REALLY  
LIKED THE  
MAIN  
CHARAC-  
TER'S  
SLIGHT  
FLAWS AND  
INABILITIES.

HAHAH  
YEAH.

NOT  
MANY  
PEOPLE  
KNOW IT.

THANK  
GOOD-  
NESS IT  
WASN'T  
JUST ME.



COULD  
I GET A  
SIP OF  
THAT?

TALKING  
SO MUCH  
HAS MADE  
MY  
THROAT  
DRY.

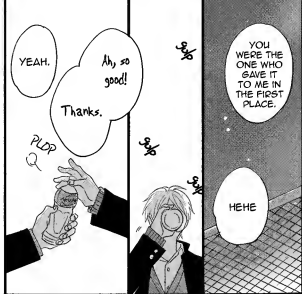
OH  
SURE.

HUH?



WHAT WAS  
IT  
CALLED?





YEAH.

Ah, so good!

Thanks.

PLDP  
Q

YOU  
WERE THE  
ONE WHO  
GAVE IT  
TO ME IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE.

HEHE

...WHAT?



WAI-  
WHAT HUH?  
!?

Pfft.

PTOOOH

I JUST  
THOUGHT  
THIS WAS  
LIKE AN IN-  
DIRECT  
KISS.

NAH.









YOU  
THINK  
SO?

AS FOR  
ME, I'M  
PRETTY  
SHY.

I  
WOULDN'T  
DUCK  
UNDER THE  
UMBRELLA  
OF A GUY I  
BARELY  
KNOW.

AND YOU  
CAN MAKE  
FRIENDS  
QUICKLY  
WITH  
ANYONE

YOU GET  
ALONG WITH  
PEOPLE AND  
YOU HAVE A  
TON OF  
FRIENDS.

AT  
WHAT?

HMP

WHAT?  
ME?

BECAUSE  
THAT'S AN  
IMPOSS-  
IBLE THING  
FOR ME,

I THINK  
YOU'RE  
AMAZ-  
ING FOR  
IT.





I CAN'T DO  
THAT EITHER.

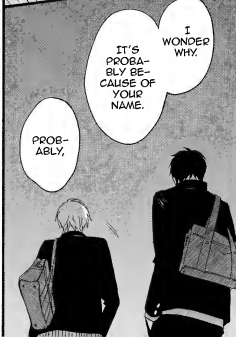


PEOPLE  
DO SAY  
THAT I  
LOOK LIKE  
I'M VERY  
GOOD AT  
SOCIALIZ-  
ING.

BUT IN RE-  
ALITY, I  
USUALLY  
ONLY INTER-  
ACT WITH  
PEOPLE I'M  
USED TO.

WHAT  
?

BUT YOU  
DO.



I  
WONDER  
WHY.

IT'S PROBA-  
BLY BE-  
CAUSE OF  
YOUR NAME.

PROB-  
ABLY,



I DON'T  
THINK I  
COULD MAKE  
FRIENDS  
WITH EVERY-  
ONE.



THERE  
ARE STILL  
PEOPLE  
I'M NOT  
GOOD  
WITH.



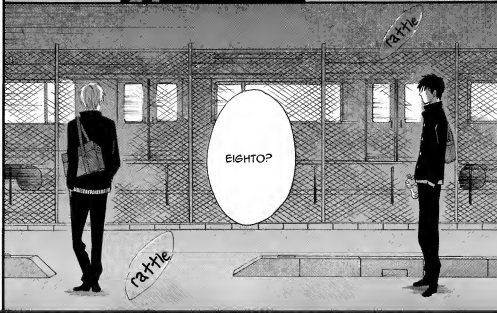


IF IT WASN'T  
YOUR UMBREL-  
LA, I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE GOTTEN  
UNDER IT.

'me'?

Because it  
was









NOTHING.

WHAT'S  
WRONG?



NOTHING?

That's  
not true.





WHAT  
KINDA  
FACE  
AM I  
MAKING  
?

to like my own  
name.

I thought  
that it  
wasn't pos-  
sible



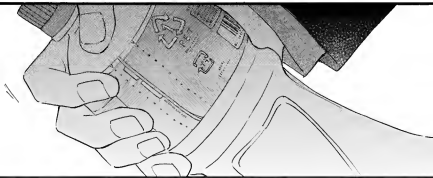


EIGHTO.

HEY.  
LET'S  
GO.



But,





It's not  
as bad

As I  
thought  
it was.

SORRY,  
SOME-  
THING  
GOT  
STUCK IN  
MY SHOE.

YOU JUST  
STOPPED IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF THE  
ROAD, SO I  
THOUGHT  
YOU  
WEREN'T  
FEELING  
WELL.

OH  
THAT'S  
WHY.

YOU  
WERE  
LOOKING  
REALLY  
GLOOMY.

IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER!

HUH  
?

NO,







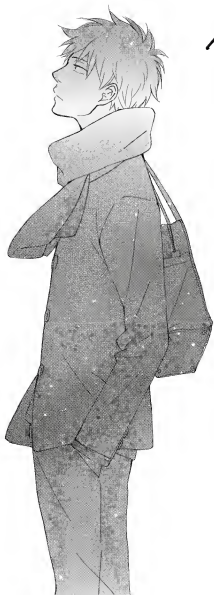
大森立嗣

call.

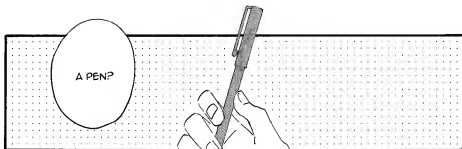
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FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents  
number  
call

12345679







A PEN?



YEAH.

I DIDN'T  
NOTICE AT  
ALL.

SORRY  
YOU CAME  
ALL THIS  
WAY.

NO IT'S  
FINE.

YEAH.

I GRABBED  
THE WRONG  
ONE YES-  
TERDAY.

THIS  
ONE'S  
YOURS,  
RIGHT?



...WHAT  
PART?

IT JUST  
FEELS DIF-  
FERENT.

THERE  
ARE LESS  
GLASSES!

...OH.

WELL, I  
DID COME  
TO RETURN  
YOUR PEN,

BUT I REALLY  
WANTED TO  
CHECK OUT  
YOUR CLASS-  
ROOM.

?

smile





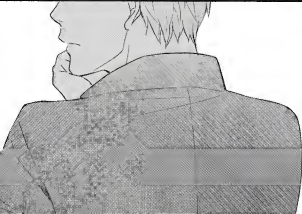
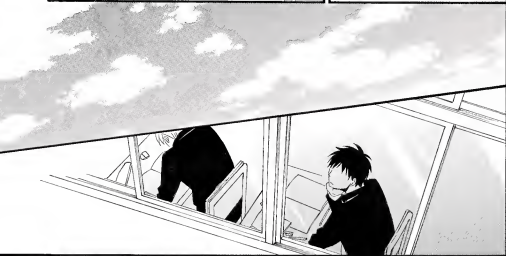










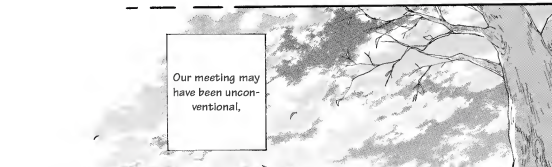




Nothing  
strange  
about it.



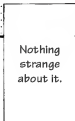
Our meeting may  
have been uncon-  
ventional,



but every-  
thing after-  
ward was  
normal.



Nothing  
strange  
about it.

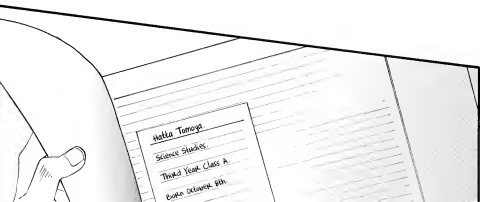




That's how it's supposed to be.



But something feels off.









I wonder if we  
would have gotten  
to know each  
other?







THAT'S WHY I  
JUST SORTA  
ASKED YOU  
FOR HELP.

MY EN-  
GLISH  
SUCKS, SO  
YOU WERE  
A HUGE  
HELP.

YEAH, IT'S  
EASY TO  
UNDER-  
STAND.

WHAT?

REALLY?

YOU KNOW,  
I'VE ALWAYS  
THOUGHT SO,  
BUT YOU ARE  
REALLY GOOD  
AT TEACHING.

O-OH.

I GUESS  
I'M  
GLAD I  
COULD  
HELP.



Ever since we  
first met in  
the library,

we've been study-  
ing together and  
walking home to-  
gether.



HUH?

OH,  
BUT  
THERE'S  
THAT.

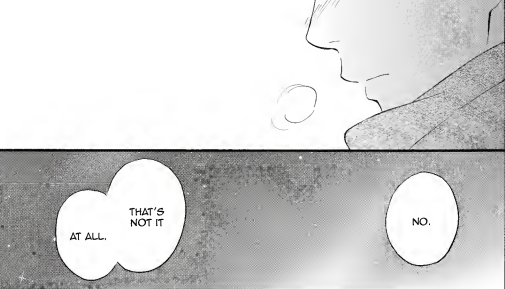
YOU'VE GOT  
YOUR OWN  
STUDIES TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT.

YOU DON'T  
REALLY HAVE  
TO GO  
THROUGH ALL  
THAT TROUBLE.

IT'S LIKE  
YOU ALWAYS  
JUST END UP  
TEACHING  
ME.







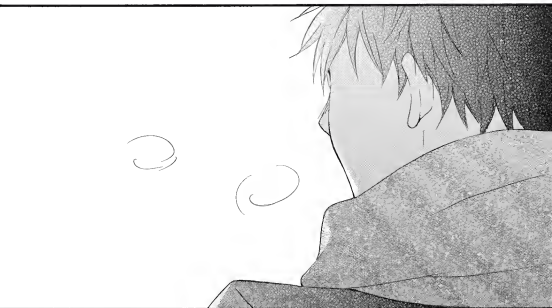
I look forward to it, so  
it's not a waste of time.

That's because





Huh?



Is this what friends are?



HEY,

CAN WE  
STOP AT  
THE CON-  
VENIENCE  
STORE?

I WANT A  
MEAT BUN.

I'M  
STARVING.







With a  
smiling  
face.

Phrase is  
harsh.

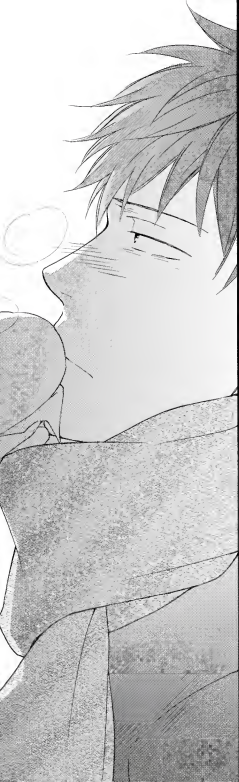
HM, I GUESS  
IT'S PROBABLY  
MEAT BUNS.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU?

MEAT BUNS  
HAVE GOTTA  
BE MY FA-  
VORITE.

This





Oh I see.



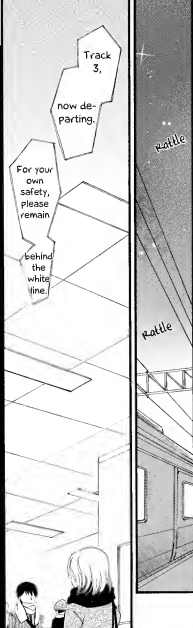




Not friends.



IT'S  
GONE.







IS GONE.

MY PASS



WHAT?

WHY?

HUH? IT'S  
REALLY  
GONE.

*rucatte  
rucatte*

WHAT?!



DID IT FALL  
OUT SOME-  
WHERE?

BECAUSE I  
JUST PUT  
IT WHERE-  
EVER.

*pant*



CHECK  
YOUR POCK-  
ETS.

UM...

I CHECK  
THEM ALL  
AND IT'S  
NOT THERE.

WHERE'D  
YOU GO IN  
THE MORN-  
ING?

UH... "

I CAN'T  
REMEM-  
BER.



AND I HAVE NO  
IDEA WHERE I  
COULD'VE  
DROPPED IT.

BUT IT'S  
ALREADY  
DARK AND  
WE WON'T  
BE ABLE TO  
SEE ANY-  
THING.

UM...

THAT  
SUCKS.  
YOU  
WANNA  
GO  
BACK?

THIS  
SUCKS. IT  
WAS SUP-  
POSED TO  
LAST UNTIL  
GRADUA-  
TION.



...



ANYWAY,  
GUESS I'LL  
BUY A TICKET  
TODAY.

I START LOOK-  
ING WHEN I GO  
TO SCHOOL  
TOMORROW.





...

WHOOSH



AND THEN  
I'LL NEVER  
FIND IT!!

WITH THIS  
WIND, IT  
PROBABLY  
JUST FLEW  
OFF.

IT'S NO-  
WHERE.  
OR  
MORE  
LIKE,

AUGH, I  
SHOULD'VE  
LOOKED FOR IT  
YESTERDAY.

UGGHH.

???

Woah

My  
skirt's  
blowing  
up

Ngh.  
What is  
this?











HMM... I GOT  
SO USED TO  
NOT HAVING IT  
IN ONE.

I'LL DO  
THAT THIS  
TIME.

YOU  
SHOULD'VE  
PUT IT IN A  
CASE.

REALLY?

IT'S BE-  
CAUSE YOU  
LEAVE IT OUT  
BARE.



FINDING IT  
TAKES FIRST  
PRIORITY.

WELL, IT'S  
A LOT OF  
TROUBLE  
TO APPLY  
FOR ONE,

AND IT  
PROBABLY  
COSTS  
MONEY.

AND YOU  
CAN'T GET IT  
REPLACED?



OH.

IF I FIND  
IT, GET ME  
SOME  
VEGGIE  
JUICE.

I'LL KEEP A  
LOOKOUT  
FOR IT.

SOME-  
THING  
CHEAPER!

THANKS  
KISSHI.

PROBA-  
BLY.

I'LL LOOK FOR IT  
AFTER SCHOOL  
TODAY AND IF I  
DON'T FIND IT,  
I'LL DO THAT.





ROLL

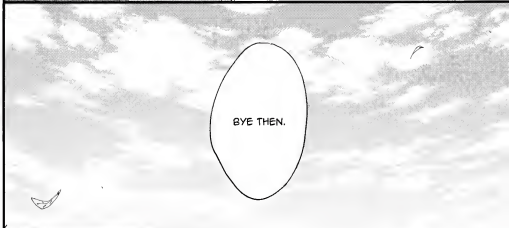
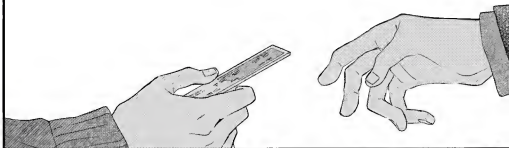
















EIGHTO?

OH.  
WELL, HE'S  
TECHNICALLY  
HERE.



I wonder what  
happened

THIS IS MY  
FIRST TIME  
SEEING HIM  
SLEEP THIS  
MUCH.

HE NEVER  
SLEEPS  
DURING  
CLASS,

HE'S BEEN  
SLEEPING  
SINCE  
MORNING.





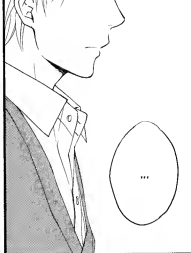


WHEN HE  
WAKES UP,

IT'S  
OKAY

...NO,

SHOULD  
I WAKE  
HIM?

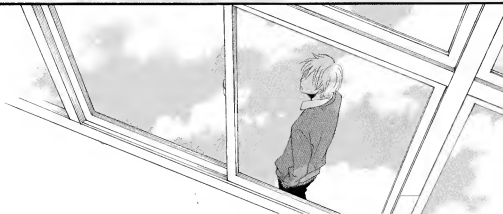


...



TELL HIM

I SAID  
THANKS.







But,

More than that,









FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents

number  
call

12345679







# 大空

call.

4

FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents  
number  
call

12345679





I've loved numbers  
since I was a kid.

and also  
in my  
nickname.

It's in  
my last  
name,

And among  
those, 8 was  
my favorite  
number.

I was really fond of it.



URGH.

THIS IS  
REALLY  
HEAVY ...

And then,



HACHI.

And it was fitting  
for a person.



...BUT IT'S  
STILL  
HEAVY,  
RIGHT?

YEAH, MY  
TEACHER  
ASKED ME TO  
HELP HIM  
MOVE THESE.

SO I  
THOUGHT  
I COULD  
FINISH IN  
ONE TRIP

...YEAH, A  
BIT.

BUT,

I'M

FINE...

wobble

THAT LOOKS  
HEAVY, YOU  
SURE  
YOU'RE  
FINE?

HUH?

EIGHTO?







...WAS  
CLOSE.



OR NOT.

...  
I'M  
FINE.



SORRY.

I JUST  
MOVED.

WHY ARE  
YOU APOL-  
OGIZING?

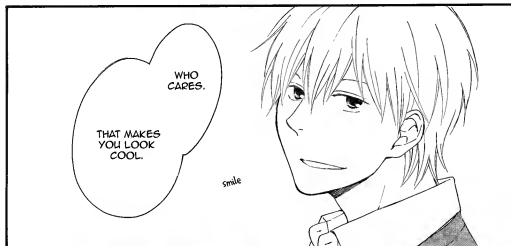
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IF I WERE A  
GIRL, I'D DEFINI-  
TELY WANT TO  
DATE SOMEONE  
LIKE YOU.

WHAT?

YOU  
THINK  
SO?

BEING  
NICE IS  
ONE  
THING,  
BUT DON'T  
YOU THINK  
I'M NOT  
VERY  
MANLY?

thud

WOAH.

YOU  
SCARED  
ME.





OH.

AND SORRY  
I CAN'T HELP  
YOU PICK  
THEM UP.

NOTHING  
BROKE.

THAT'S  
FINE.



...MY  
BAD.

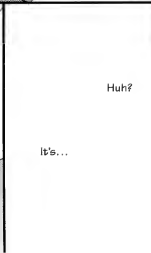
MY HAND  
SLIPPED.



IT'S OKAY.



What is  
it?



Huh?

It's...







This is my first time

Seeing Eighto like this.



COME  
SPRING,  
THOSE WHO  
WANT TO  
ENJOY,  
PLEASE HOLD  
BACK ON  
THAT.



UM,  
WINTER  
BREAK  
STARTS  
TOMOR-  
ROW.  
  
THIS WILL BE  
YOUR LAST  
TIME TO  
ENJOY AND  
EXPERIENCE  
EVERYTHING.

In the  
end,

we didn't  
say any-  
thing.



Winter  
break  
started.

And the  
New Year  
came.



3rd  
Quarter.

Ugh.  
So  
cold!

THERE  
ARE A  
TON OF  
TESTS.

I  
AGREE.

GIMME A  
BREAK. WE'VE  
JUST START-  
ED EXAMS.

EVERY  
YEAR, IT  
SNOWS  
AROUND  
THIS TIME.

THERE'S  
GONNA  
BE A LOT  
OF SNOW  
NEXT  
WEEK.

COME  
TO THINK  
OF IT,

TAKEOA  
WENT  
OVERSEAS  
FOR NEW  
YEAR'S,  
RIGHT?

HE'S  
GOT IT  
EASY.

Despite  
the pass-  
ing of  
time,

And the  
exams  
taking  
place,





Nothing was achieved.











I'M  
PROBABLY



NOT GOING TO  
THE LIBRARY  
ANYMORE.



WAS WHAT I  
SAID THAT  
STRANGE?





SOME-  
THING RE-  
PULSIVE?

SO IS  
THAT

Does he  
hate it  
that much?



IT'S  
GOTTA BE  
BECAUSE  
OF THAT.

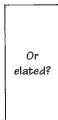
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SO,



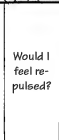
What if he said the same thing to me?



...I WONDER  
WHAT WOULD  
HAPPEN?

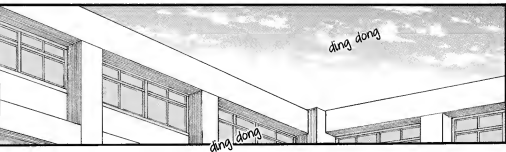
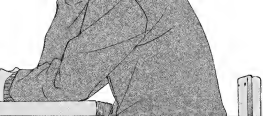


Or  
elated?



Would I  
feel re-  
pulsed?









I ONLY WENT  
TO DO SOME  
STUDYING...



OH.



HEY!



HE'S WITH  
FRIENDS.

I GUESS I  
CAN'T GO  
OVER NOW.









ME?

YOU MEAN  
ME?



DON'T  
LOOK SO  
SCARED.

IT'S  
NOTHING  
SERIOUS.

THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I WANT TO  
CONFIRM  
WITH YOU.

COULD YOU  
COME TO  
THE STAFF  
ROOM?

THE  
STAFF  
ROOM?

What?



OKAY,  
SEE YA.

I'M  
GONNA  
GO THIS  
WAY.

SORRY TO  
INTERRUPT.



MR. "I'M  
TALKING ABOUT  
AKITO" TACHI-  
BANA-KUN.



Huh?

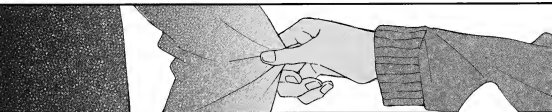


Who's that?





Because,



AN UNEXPECTED  
DEVELOPMENT.

...THIS IS



WHY ME?

UH,

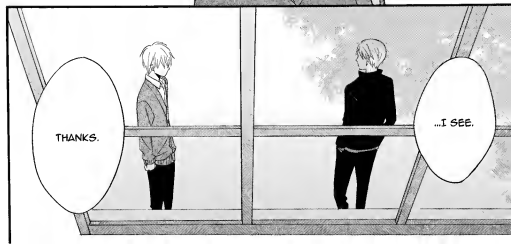
HATTA,

WAS IT?





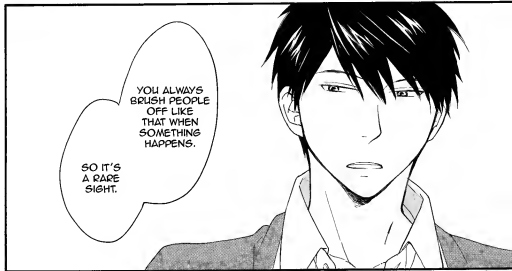






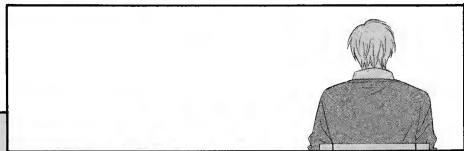








YOU LOOK LIKE  
YOU'VE BEEN  
DUMPED.







...LOOKS  
LIKE IT  
MIGHT  
SNOW.



WHAT'S UP  
WITH THIS  
COLD-  
NESS?

SO  
COLD!



SHI-  
VER



step

...



...IT WAS  
FUN.

That guy

was always the  
first to say  
something.



WE USED  
TO GO  
HOME TO-  
GETHER  
DURING  
THIS TIME.





BUT THE  
MEAT BUNS  
WERE DELI-  
CIOUS.

I GAINED  
SOME  
WEIGHT,

And it's  
not like it  
would've  
been bad  
if I hadn't  
known.



HE REACTED  
SERIOUSLY  
TO MY  
TEASES.  
  
HIS EX-  
PRESSION  
WAS SO  
FUNNY.

it's not like I  
would have  
called him  
differently  
even if I knew.

That's why

You look like you've been dumped.



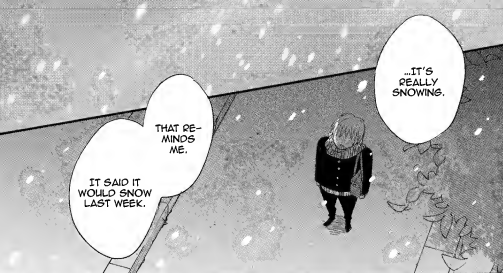
THAT'S  
WHY...





You weren't  
supposed to  
make that  
face.





IT SAID IT  
WOULD SNOW  
LAST WEEK.

THAT RE-  
MINDS  
ME.

...IT'S  
REALLY  
SNOWING.



I was  
the only  
one  
who  
didn't  
know.



WHAT A COLD  
REASON.



Always





Just  
me.







NOW I CAN  
GRADUATE RE-  
ASSURED.

I'M SO  
GLAD.

I BARELY  
MADE IT.



Rest



Reas-  
sured?

call.  
**5**

FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents  
number  
call

12345679

大志









But in the end,

It plagues my mind.





IT'S  
HATTA-KUN.

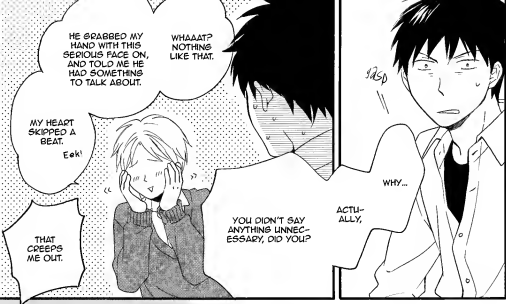
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WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN

...WAI~

HEY!  
YOKOI!

'ANYTHING I  
HAVEN'T SAID  
TO HIM'?



AKITO-KUN.

THE THING  
YOU'RE MOST  
SENSITIVE  
ABOUT,





The thing you're  
most sensitive  
about,

Akito-kun.





Huh?

My

name



Just like  
that.

EIGHTO







REMEMBER  
WHAT WE WERE  
TALKING ABOUT?  
TOMORROW  
AFTER SCHOOL,  
WE'RE GOING  
TO YUTAKAN'S  
HOUSE, RIGHT?

HMP

COME  
TO THINK  
OF IT,

TOMOR-  
ROW?



YUTAKAN'S  
PRETTY AMAZING.  
HE COMES FROM  
AN ELITE FAMILY.

JINGLE

OH YEAH,  
EXAMS ARE  
OVER.

HE SAID HE GOT HIS  
HANDS ON A BRAND  
NEW MACHINE.  
SHOW-OFF.



A  
TEXT?

HMP













You  
too...?

Just give  
up...



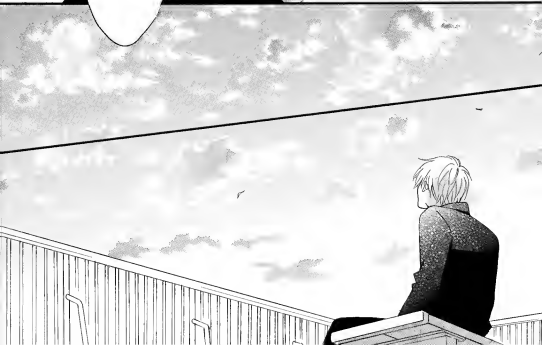
EVEN IF  
YOU SAY  
THAT,

ALL THE  
ONES UP TO  
NOW WERE  
MY LAST  
RESORT!

Prep Room 2

WHY TODAY  
OF ALL DAYS?

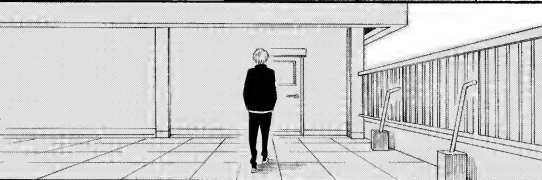
...  
GEEZ.











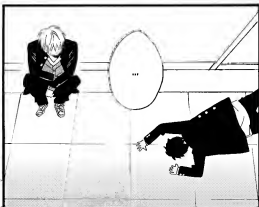
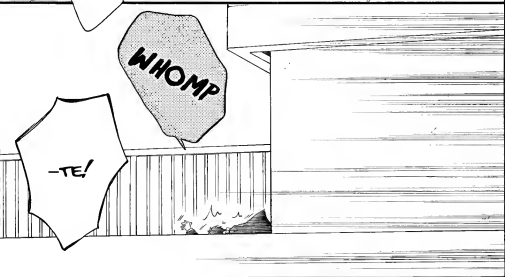




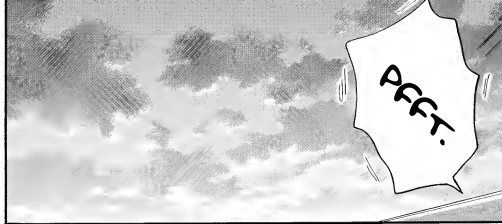


















But

I've gotta  
say it.

SO?

If I say it

I might never  
see this guy  
again.

...

WHAT DID YOU  
WANNA TALK  
ABOUT?

IS ACTUALLY

AKITO.

MY NAME





THAT'S HOW  
IT IS,

IN ALL  
HONESTY,  
I HATED IT.

AND I DID  
GET BULLIED  
A BIT FOR  
THAT.

BUT I'VE BEEN  
CALLED EIGHTO  
SINCE I WAS A KID.



...I  
COULDN'T  
BRING  
MYSELF TO  
SAY IT TO  
YOU.

TELL  
THEM THAT  
THEY'RE  
READING IT  
WRONG,

SO  
EVEN  
WHEN  
I USU-  
ALLY

SORRY IF IT  
SEEMED LIKE  
I WAS KEEP-  
ING IT FROM  
YOU.

BUT IT'S DIF-  
FERENT WHEN  
YOU CALL ME  
THAT.

AND THAT'S  
THE FIRST TIME I  
THOUGHT LIKE  
THAT.



THEN IT  
WASN'T THAT  
BAD.

I THOUGHT IF YOU  
GOT TO KNOW ME  
THROUGH MY NAME,

THANK YOU.

AS IN, NOT LIKE  
A FRIEND.

I LIKE YOU.









...HUH?

I CAME HERE  
READY TO BE  
DUMPED.



THE OP-  
POSITE...

TH-

UM,

THAT'S



YOU'VE BEEN  
AVOIDING ME,  
SO I THOUGHT  
YOU HATED ME.



TO ME, IT  
FELT LIKE A  
BLOW TO THE  
HEAD.

AND WE  
WERE BOTH  
GUYS...

LAST TIME,  
WHEN YOU  
SAID IF YOU  
WERE A GIRL,  
YOU'D DATE  
ME.

YOU SAID IT  
JOKINGLY, BUT





SORRY.

I DIDN'T WANT  
TO CAUSE YOU  
ANY TROUBLE.



NOT BECAUSE  
YOU DIDN'T  
TELL ME YOUR  
NAME,

BUT BECAUSE  
I WAS THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO DIDN'T  
KNOW.

I'VE BEEN  
THINKING  
ABOUT IT,

...YOU  
KNOW,



LIKE,

IT WAS A  
HUGE SHOCK.





I KEPT  
WON-  
DERING

WHY?

AND I WAS UPSET  
AT THE DISTANCE  
BETWEEN US.

I WANTED TO BE  
THE ONE WHO  
KNEW YOU BEST.

WE'RE BOTH  
GUYS,

YET WHY DO I  
KEEP THINKING  
LIKE THAT?

I DID SAY IF I  
WERE A GIRL,











*I'M SO HAPPY.*

*...YEAH.*







TRUE.

WE'VE ONLY A  
FEW MORE TIMES  
TO TAKE THIS  
ROAD HOME.

SEEMS  
LIKE

IT'S BEEN A  
LONG TIME  
COMING.



GRADUATION  
JUST CREEPT  
UP ON US.




BUT I HAD  
FUN IN HIGH  
SCHOOL.

IT'S FULL OF  
GOOD PEOPLE.



EIGHTO.

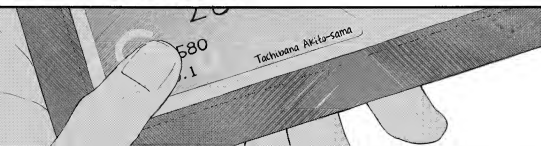




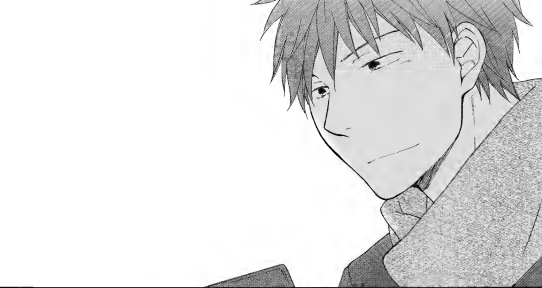
I'LL BE IN YOUR  
CARE FROM NOW ON.



For me,







I've got two names.

beep

*End.*



It was a  
local broad-  
cast, about  
a so-called  
superhero.

The moves  
were cheesy  
and they cen-  
sored a lot of  
it, but I saw it  
all clearly in  
my dreams.



When I was a  
kid, there was  
a show on TV  
that I loved.

I even liked  
how he was  
being pushed  
around. He  
was this  
lame but cool  
superhero.

When he  
does that,  
he's sorta  
cool.



The main  
character  
was naïve

and would  
help whoever  
was in trou-  
ble.



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FURUYA  
NAGISA  
presents  
number  
call

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WHAT IS IT?

HMP



...WELL,  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
LEFT IN IT  
ANYMORE.

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
TRY SIT-  
TING HERE.

I'M GLAD I  
GOT TO SIT IN  
YOUR SEAT  
BEFORE WE  
GRADUATED.

I TOLD  
YOU IT'S  
NOTHING.

YOU LOOK  
LIKE YOU  
HAVE SOME-  
THING TO  
SAY.

NOPE, IT'S  
NOTHING.



BETTER  
PUT,

...

I WISH I  
COULD STAY  
ANOTHER  
YEAR.

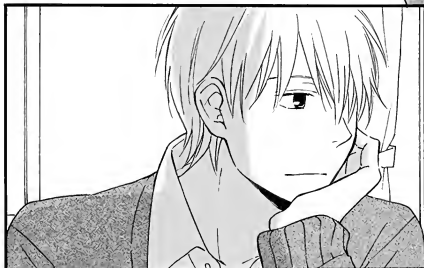
HEY.

THAT WAS  
QUICK.

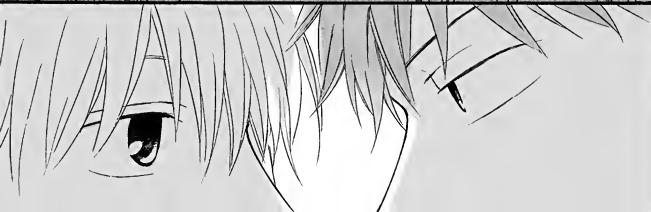
UGH,  
GRADUA-  
TION'S  
TOMOR-  
ROW.

YOU MEAN  
BE HELD  
BACK A  
YEAR?

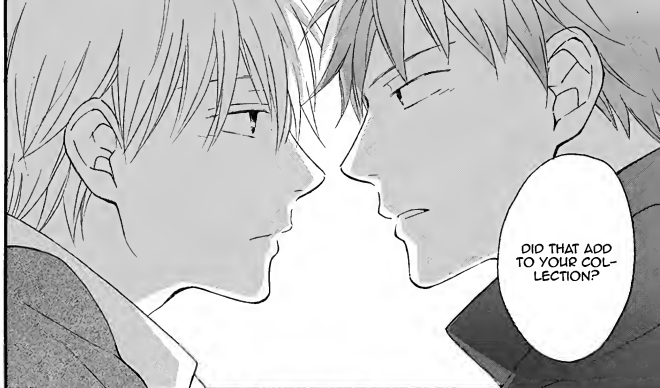
















*End.*



I'm always worried  
whether something  
was true

Thank you all for  
reading my first  
comic.

And I'm  
always  
being  
punk'd in  
real life.

This Isn't some  
3D projection,  
right?

I.  
I think it's  
really there...  
Right?



Hello, nice to  
meet you.

Furuya here.



So that's how  
the two of  
them came to  
have their 8-re-  
lated names.

When I was thinking up  
their names, I thought,  
"Then let's make the name  
into a bit of a joke". So  
that's how it turned out.

I really liked  
the origin of  
the name.

And I'd really like  
to talk about  
the naming in  
this piece.



my friends,  
and all you read-  
ers out there:  
Thank you from  
the bottom of  
my heart.



Until we meet again.

Finally, I'd like to  
tell my editor  
from the pub-  
lishing team,

Before I real-  
ized it, I'd  
given all of  
them nick-  
names.

This rings true  
for the main  
characters too,  
but I also had a  
lot of fun draw-  
ing their friends.





